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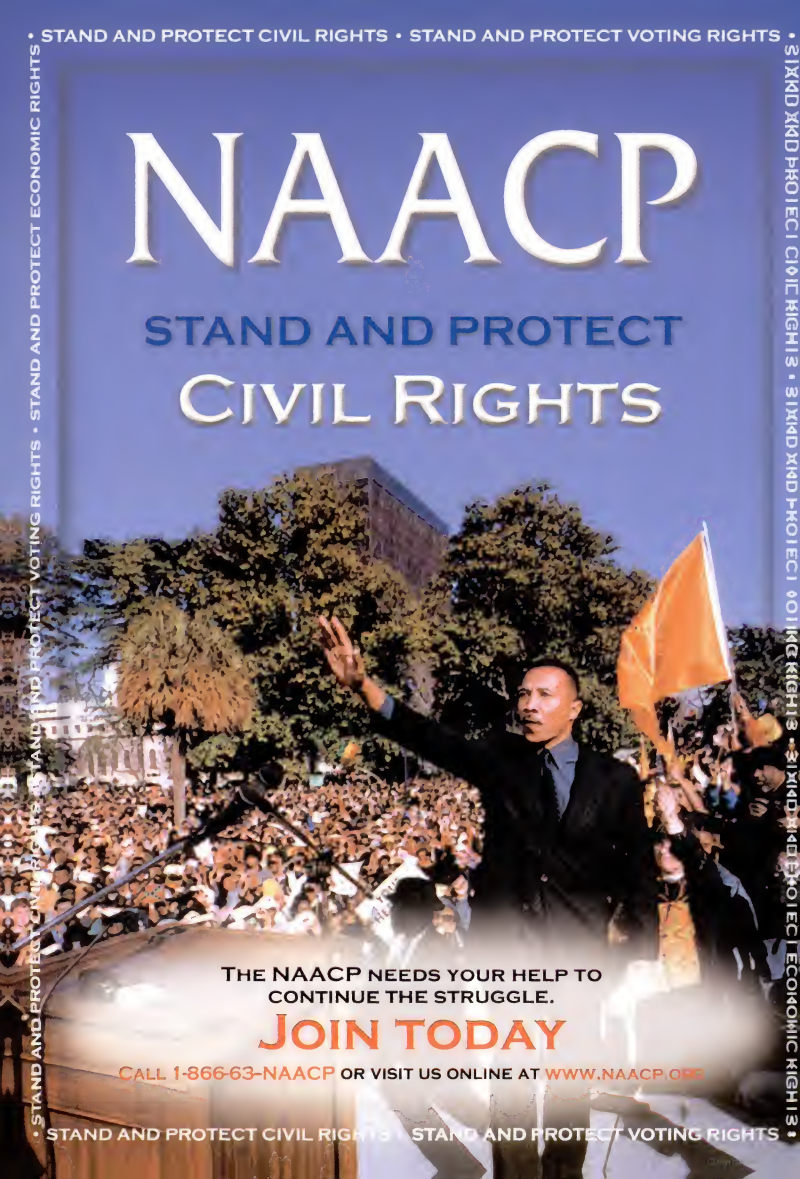


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NATIONAL REPORT

Blacks Protest The Renaming Of A NYC Federal Building


Black demonstrators recently protested the renaming of a lower Manhattan federal building in New York City, which is next to an African Burial Ground, saying that out of respect it should be named in honor of a Black historian instead of a White congressman.

The recent dedication of the Ted Weiss Federal Building, located at 290 Broadway, was met by outrage by many in the Black community. New York City Councilman Charles Baron, Rev. Herbert Daughtry, pastor of House of the Lord Pentecostal Church in Brooklyn, and local activist Mandingo Tshaka said renaming the building after the late New York congressman shows "arrogance and insensitivity," reports the New York Newsday.

During a press conference held in front of the building, protesters called for the Weiss name to be dropped and replaced with that of the late John Henrik Clarke, a full professor at Hunter College and a recognized authority on Black culture and history.

In 1991 during the construction of the building, remains of more than 400 free Blacks and slaves were found. The site turned out to be a 5-acre burial ground closed in 1794. It was the resting place for an estimated 20,000 people of African descent.

The remains were given a permanent resting place at the African Burial Ground memorial site in New York.



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First Black D.C. Mayor Walter Washington Dies

The man who ushered in the era of Black mayors in the U.S., Walter E. Washington, recently died in the city he graciously served.

Washington, 88, had been in intensive care at Howard University Hospital for the past week when he succumbed. The cause of his death was not made available at JET press time.

In late 1967, President Lyndon Johnson appointed Washington the mayor-commissioner of the nation's capital.

Only five months later, Washington demonstrated his superb ability to deal with serious problems. Faced with growing civil unrest after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., he quickly moved to take over controls of the city's law enforcement agencies. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover urged the Black mayor "to have looters shot," but Washington refused. Instead, he personally went out into the streets to quell the violence.

"I walked by myself through the city and urged angry young people to go home," he told the Washington Post. "I asked them to help the people

◀ *Walter Washington greets supporters after he was sworn in as the first elected mayor of D.C. since the Civil War.*

who had been burned out."

Superior Court Chief Judge H. Carl Moultrie recalled, "Few men can boast that they received a burning city and led it on its way to recovery."

At another time, the Mayor objected to the Justice Department's refusing to allow an anti-Vietnam War march on Pennsylvania Avenue and went directly to the White House, asking President Nixon to grant a permit.

Nixon appointed the former housing expert twice to the post of mayor-commissioner. And after Congress approved home rule for D.C., Washington, in 1974, during the city's first mayoral election, soundly beat Clifford Alexander for the City Hall job.

As an early Black mayor of a major city, Washington starred in a class that included L.A.'s Tom Bradley, Detroit's Coleman Young, Newark's Kenneth Gibson, Atlanta's Maynard Jackson and Cleveland's Carl Stokes.

Before he was beaten in a primary by Marion Barry in 1978, Washington had spearheaded the city's progress from federal control to limited autonomy. When he left the downtown office, the city had a \$40 million surplus.

Born in Dawson, GA, and raised in Jamestown, NY, he moved to D.C. to attend Howard University. He graduated with a bachelor's degree and later received a law degree.

His first wife, Bennetta, died in 1991. They had a daughter, Bennetta Washington. In 1994, he married Mary Burke, who survives him as well.



▲ **THE HISTORYMAKERS:** Blues legend B.B. King is congratulated by soul legend Isaac Hayes and actress Lynn Whitfield at the recent HistoryMakers “An Evening With B.B. King” tribute at the Art Institute of Chicago. Hayes interviewed King about his career during the salute which will air in February on PBS-TV. Whitfield served as an honorary chair of the annual event. King’s career spans more than 50 years and he continues to perform. Founded by Julieanna Richardson, the HistoryMakers is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Black history. Its goal is to archive 5,000 interviews with Black Americans who have made significant contributions to the nation’s history. The interviews are available online at www.thehistorymakers.com and at libraries.



◀ **FAITH BUILDING:** Elaine Kisner (c), a Protestant from Metropolitan Christian Council in Detroit, Eide Alawan (rear), a Muslim who worships at the Islamic Center in Detroit, and Jeffrey Ram, a Jew from the Congregation Tchiyah in the city, put their religious differences aside to work toward a common good—building a house for a needy Detroit family. The communal effort was sponsored by Interfaith Partners, a group of activists from various religious backgrounds that is also part of the National Conference for Community and Justice in Detroit. Kisner, Alawan, and Ram were among nearly 30 volunteers of different faiths who worked inside a house for Habitat for Humanity, a national program that builds housing for needy families through donations and volunteer labor.

TICKER TAPE

by Simeon Booker, Washington Bureau Chief

Confidential: When D.C. Mayor **Anthony Williams** appeared on the U.S. Senate floor in early October, he gained no publicity for his first presence in the prestigious legislative body. Little known is a privilege that permits the city's elected mayor to appear on the Senate floor along with an exclusive group of others, including former U.S. Presidents. (This favor doesn't compensate for the lack of D.C. voting lawmakers in Congress)...Former President of the National Bar Assn. **William Borders** was rebuffed by the U.S. Supreme Court in a bid to activate the pardon given him by President **Bill Clinton**. He was convicted of bribery and imprisoned. The high court refused to hear Borders' appeal of a lower D.C. court's decision to not recognize the pardon...Help A Warrior: 25-year civil rights veteran **Yvonne Price** worked with the NAACP and Leadership Conference during the time before pensions. Still

living in Washington, she seeks employment...From Dec. 1 to 5 Detroit will celebrate the 50th anniversary of **Rosa Parks'** arrest and the beginning of the Montgomery, AL, Bus Boycott. Rep. **John Conyers** brought the heroine to work in his office...With Congress ready to help in the drive to raise funds for a \$360 million African-American museum, Atlanta Rep. **John Lewis** lost his fight to have it located on the Capitol grounds. Several downtown sites now are being considered; Congress hopes to approve the museum before the close of this session...The Senate voted to posthumously award baseball star **Jackie Robinson** a Congressional Gold Medal and members favored a national day in recognition of his achievements. The House voted to award **Dorothy Height**, 91, leader of the National Council of Negro Women, a similar medal for a career that has spanned 65 years.

National Headliners

Leaders of the Congressional Black Caucus lined up to oppose the naming of California's first Black woman Supreme Court Justice **Janice Rogers Brown** to the U.S. Court of Appeals for D.C. Current Justice **Clarence**



Anthony Williams

Thomas was elevated from this court to the Supreme Court and Caucus members label Brown as "a female Clarence Thomas" after noting her record that includes opposing affirmative action...Hip-hop expert **Marcyliena Morgan**, a linguistic anthropologist, joined Harvard University's W.E.B. DuBois Institute to teach.



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NATIONAL REPORT

▲ Acting as his own attorney, sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad addresses the jury as he delivers his opening argument in the Virginia Beach (VA) Circuit Court.

Washington, D.C.-Area Sniper Murder Trial Takes Dramatic Turns

The highly anticipated murder trial of John Muhammad, one-half of the alleged sniper duo who killed 10 people and terrorized the Washington, D.C., area last year, got off to a surreal start when Muhammad essentially fired his lawyers, was briefly allowed to represent himself, then reinstated them.

Muhammad stunned the Virginia Beach courtroom when he demanded to represent himself just before opening statements of his capital murder trial in the slaying of 53-year-old Dean

Harold Meyers, killed by a single bullet at a Virginia gas station. He was the seventh victim in a three-week shooting spree last October in the Washington, D.C., area. In all, four Blacks were killed during the sniper shooting spree (JET, Nov. 11, 2002).

But, two days later, Muhammad, his face badly swollen from a chronic toothache, reinstated his lawyers; and although he didn't spell out his reasons in open court, he assured the judge it had nothing to do with his health.

Circuit Court Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. granted the request saying that he wasn't sure Muhammad could "effectively call witnesses," according to court records.

"I have another concern about your ability to put on a case if we get to the sentencing phase of the trial. I just don't think you have the understanding of how to go about doing it."

Tense and dramatic moments crept into the trial as Muhammad had the opportunity to render an opening statement and cross-examine shooting survivors.

His alleged accomplice John Malvo at one point was brought into the courtroom for about 2 minutes so that a witness could identify him. Although Malvo briefly locked eyes with Muhammad, he did not take the stand.

Muhammad, 42, and Malvo, 18, were arrested last Oct. 24 at a highway rest stop in Maryland. Prosecutors have said the shootings were part of a plot to extort \$10 million from the government. Muhammad's trial was moved to Virginia Beach after defense lawyers argued that every northern

Virginia resident could be considered a victim because of the fear the shootings caused.

They are charged with 13 shootings, including 10 deaths, last October in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. They are also suspected or charged in shootings in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Arizona and Washington state.

The snipers allegedly demanded money to stop the shootings and told police to check a shooting and robbery in Montgomery, AL. It was there that police linked the D.C.-area snipers to a liquor store shooting, and later tied Malvo to a fingerprint left on a magazine inside the store.

They could receive the death penalty if convicted of the murders.

Johnnie Cochran's Law Firm Files Suit On Behalf Of Chicago Office Building Fire Victim Janet Johnson Grant



Johnnie Cochran



Janet Johnson Grant

Attorney Johnnie Cochran's Chicago-based law firm has filed a lawsuit on behalf of Janet Johnson Grant, one of the six people who died in a Chicago office building fire (JET, Nov. 3).

The lawsuit was filed against Robert Wislow, head of U.S. Equity, the major contractor of the office building; and his joint venture partner, Elzie Higginbottom, according to the Chicago Defender newspaper.

Cochran and Atty. James D. Montgomery of Cochran, Cherry, Givens, Smith & Montgomery filed the suit.

"It is our effort to get justice for a family who lost a mother, a wife and a

daughter who simply tragically died before her time," Montgomery told the Defender.

In addition to Atty. Janet Johnson Grant, five others died in the blaze that investigators suspect was caused by faulty electrical wiring in a 12th floor storage room of the 35-story high rise building.

Grant died of severe smoke inhalation after she was trapped in a stairwell along with her daughter Chloe, 17, who was injured in the fire.

Grant was the chief legal counsel at the Cook County Office of Forest Preserves and daughter of the late Robert E. Johnson and Naomi "Nemi" Johnson. Her late father is the associate publisher and executive editor emeritus of JET Magazine.

Services were held at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, where about 1,800 mourners remembered Grant. At least 1,000 people lined up for three blocks to enter the church, which was already filled to capacity with 850 mourners.

ARE YOU MARRIED TO



▲ Dr. Harvette Grey, immediate past president of the National Association of Black Psychologists, believes it is emotionally unhealthy to be married to your job. "You must strike a balance between your work and your personal life," she says.

You work long hours, even when you don't have to. You call your office when you are on vacation. Or you probably don't even take vacation at all.

Your best friends—and possibly your only friends—are on the job.

Your whole world evolves around your work. When you talk to your family, it's always about work, work, work. What happened on the job, what project you are working on, etc.

You tend to do nothing outside of

work. You have no hobbies, no real friends, there's nothing you feel more passionately about than your job.

If this sounds a lot like you, then you might as well face it, you are married to your job.

Experts point out that there's a number of Americans who have become attached to their job. Their work is their identity. Their work is their life. Their job is all they know and all they do.

JET contacted several experts to find out what makes some people divorce their personal life and marry their jobs, and what they should do to strike a balance between work and home.

Experts point out that they are not talking about a single parent who works two jobs to make ends meet or someone who is making minimum wage and needs to work overtime. They are talking about people who have choices in their work habits, who choose somehow, for some reason, to devote their entire lives to their jobs. They choose money and job travel over spending time with family and friends.

Dr. Harvette Grey, immediate past president of the National Association of Black Psychologists, believes that being married to a job is emotionally unhealthy. "If you are doing a good job on the job, that's good, but to really do a good job, you

YOUR JOB?

have to have something other than work. We all want to make money, but not at the expense of relationships."

She points out, "I watch some of my friends who are always checking their job voice mail from home. Even when they are on vacation, their phone rings, and that takes them away from enjoying themselves. But they feel needed. When someone is married to his job, he has control over his destiny. It says, 'Look, all these people from the job depend on me. I am calling the shots.'"

She adds, "We use work as a substitute for human contact. We should be able to have friends who are outside of work. And we should feel fulfilled outside of the job. There's something wrong when people feel lonely outside the job."

She notes that some people take pride in not taking vacation days. "But you should ask yourself, 'If this was your last day on earth, would you say, 'I accomplished a lot. I didn't take all of my vacation days?' No, you will probably be more concerned about the friendships you developed, your family and the love you shared. It's the little things in life that really matters."

Grey believes, "When someone is married to his job, it may start as 'I am going to work myself to the top,' but it turns into 'all about me and

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◀ *Dr. Carl C. Bell, president and CEO of Community Mental Health Council in Chicago, says some people get married to their job because work gives them a sense of "purpose."*

eated was that love and work were the critically two most important things in life."

Striking a balance between work and your personal life can be challenging, the experts agree.

Bell explains, "The answer is rather simple and straightforward, but being that easy makes it hard for people to do. You simply have to be aware that it is critically important to have a balance between work and your personal life, and, accordingly, you actually have to WORK to achieve the balance. A lot of people make the mistake of thinking the balance will just BE without having to work on it to cultivate it."

Bell, who also is professor of psychiatry and public health at the University of Illinois at Chicago, notes, "The balance between the two is important as one puts the other in perspective and vice versa. The trouble is that too many people do not try to strike a balance, or their personal life sucks, so they use work to avoid it. Of course, then you have people who are not doing well at their personal life or their work. I suppose there are also people who really enjoy their personal life and just work to be able to afford whatever comforts they need in their personal life—so for them it is just work. For me, I want to do

work.' It becomes, 'I am not going to share myself with my family. I am not going to share myself with myself and do something that I love to do because I have power in another arena, my job.'"

Dr. Carl C. Bell, president and CEO of Community Mental Health Council in Chicago, says some people become wedded to their job because it gives them "a purpose, a clear direction in which to take their lives."

He points, "There are some people who marry their jobs because they do not like who they are married to at home, and that is a problem, but just because a person is married to his job does not mean that he is running away from something at home—he could just love his job. It is a great thing if you are in a job and you are "winning" or doing a good job. One of the useful things that Freud delin-



▲ Dr. Ronn Elmore, noted relationship therapist and author of *How To Love A Black Man* and the new novel, *Mercy, Mercy Me*, says for many people their job is the primary source of their self-esteem and value.

both of them to death—enjoy my personal life and enjoy my work life. Otherwise what is the point? Why do anything halfway?”

Dr. Grey, who is also executive director of the Cultural Center at DePaul University in Chicago, notes that the first step to getting that balance is self-awareness: You must realize that you have married your job and divorced yourself from your personal life. “You have to realize that the job has become the place that you call home and family. That you actually feel guilty when you can’t get to work. You are afraid of leaving your job, because this is your family.”

You should start developing hobbies, join a fraternity or sorority, become active in church or volunteer in the community. “Develop relationships, connect with people who like to do those things. Go back to the relationships that you may have ignored, like your family and friends. Slowly start do things outside of the job. Take that vacation you have been putting off. Take the kids somewhere. And cut off that cell phone.”

Dr. Ronn Elmore, northern California relationship therapist and author of *How To Love A Black Man*, states: “Become very deliberate about working hard and working well when it’s work time, then be willing to put work down and focus just as passionately on the other aspect of your life—especially personal relationships—when it’s time for that. Commit to doing so, no matter what. It may mean you run the risk of not becoming quite as rich or famous as you might have by being obsessed with the job, but it helps maintain balance. Otherwise highly productive people can become miserable, lonely, highly productive people.”

Emphasizing the importance of striking a balance with your professional and personal lives, Dr. Grey quotes Anna Quindlen’s inspirational best-seller, *A Short Guide To A Happy Life*. “I like what Quindlen says: “Don’t ever confuse the two, your life and your work...The second is only a part of the first...Get a life. A real life.”

—CLARENCE WALDRON

► **MISS PATRIOTISM:** Miss America 2004 Ericka Dunlap belts out the national anthem before the start of the Central Florida-Central Michigan football game in Orlando, FL. Dunlap, a 21-year-old senior at the University of Central Florida who majors in communication and pre-law and a former Miss Florida, is the seventh Black woman to hold the Miss America title (JET, Oct. 6). She won the talent portion of the 2004 pageant by singing *If I Could*.



◄ **GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR:** Six-time Mr. Olympia Ronnie Coleman is congratulated by former seven-time Mr. Olympia, California Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger. Coleman, 39, a reserve police officer for the Arlington (TX) Police Department, beat out 15 other contestants for his sixth-consecutive title at the 39th annual Mr. Olympia Bodybuilding Contest, held before some 6,000 cheering fans at the Mandalay Bay Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

Fred 'Rerun' Berry, 52, 'What's Happening!' Star Dies In Los Angeles



Fred 'Rerun' Berry home. He was 52.

Police officials said the death appears to be of natural causes and no foul play is suspected. The Associated Press quoted friends of Berry's as saying that he had been ill recently due to a stroke. An autopsy is planned.

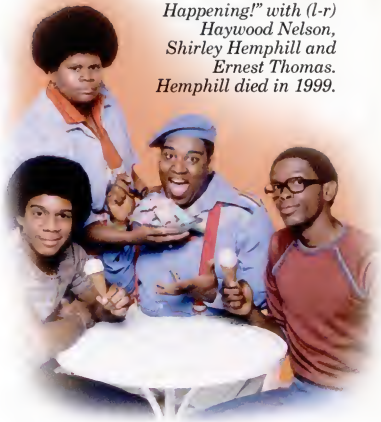
The show, which ran from 1976-79, focused on the friendship of the "What's Happening!" buddies Rerun, Raj (Ernest Thomas) and Dwayne (Haywood Nelson). Berry was known for wearing trademark red suspenders and a red beret. His popular dance routines, in spite of his large frame, amazed fans.

Even though "What's Happening!" was canceled in 1979, it was reborn six years later and called "What's Happening Now!" That show, which reunited much of the original cast, was short-lived.

The name "Rerun," which stuck with him long after the series faded, referred to his television character's poor academics, AP reported. In the summer, he had to rerun all the classes he had failed during the school year.

Berry became a minister and was married six times to four different women; he married two twice.

Fred Berry co-starred as "Rerun" on the popular TV series "What's Happening!" with (l-r) Haywood Nelson, Shirley Hemphill and Ernest Thomas. Hemphill died in 1999.



He also battled numerous addictions and suffered from diabetes.

In addition to the series work, Berry recently appeared in the feature film *Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star* and made a guest appearance on "Scrubs" and as a celebrity contestant on "The Weakest Link."

A native of St. Louis, Berry's weight never stood in his way. He was a noted dancer in the popular Los Angeles dance troupe The Lockers. His unbelievable moves won him the role as an actor.

A few years ago Berry lost more than 100 pounds when told that his weight put his health at risk.

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This Week In Black History

November 3, 1992—

► **Carol Moseley-Braun** of Illinois became the first Black woman to win a U.S. Senate seat on this day. Moseley-Braun, with support from a broad-based political coalition, handily defeated Republican Richard Williamson. She held the post until 1998. A Chicago native, Moseley-Braun earned a law degree from the University of Chicago in 1972 and served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the mid-1970s. Moseley-Braun won a seat in the Illinois House of Representatives in 1978, serving until 1988 when she was elected Cook County Recorder of Deeds, a post she held until her election to the U.S. Senate. She later served as U.S. ambassador to New Zealand and currently is a Democratic candidate for the U.S. presidency.



November 5, 1989—

▼ The first memorial to the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. was dedicated at a ceremony in Montgomery, AL, on this day. Commissioned by the Southern Poverty Law Center, the \$700,000, 9-foot granite memorial, which sits in front of the center, is composed of the same material as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. A thin sheet of water flows over the memorial to reflect the face of the viewer.



Inscribed with the words of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. "...Until Justice Rolls Down Like Waters And Righteousness Like A Mighty Stream," the memorial includes a black granite table with the names of those who died during the Civil Rights Movement as well as key events of the period.

PEOPLE



Sonja Bivins,

an Atlanta lawyer, was named U.S. magistrate judge in Mobile, AL, becoming the first Black federal judge in the Southern District of Alabama. Bivins, a University of Alabama law school graduate, has spent the last decade working for the law offices of McGuireWoods. As magistrate judge, Bivins will handle aspects of civil and criminal cases and can try cases.

Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom,

an emergency medicine physician at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, has been appointed the first surgeon general of the state of Michigan by Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Wisdom, who also is an assistant professor of medical education at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, will lead Michigan's public health promotion and disease prevention efforts.



B. Michael Young,

national accounts manager for B2Emarkets, an Internet-based electronic commerce company, was elected president of the National Urban League Young Professionals (NULYP), an auxiliary group of the National Urban League. As president, Young pledged to encourage young people to take an active role in the Civil Rights Movement and to support the agenda of the National Urban League.

Patricia Mell,

a professor at Michigan State University-Detroit College of law since 1996, was installed as dean of the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. Mell is the first Black and first female to lead the 104-year-old school. As dean, she will focus on boosting the school's various law programs to top 10 status. A Case Western Reserve University Law School graduate, Mell has 20 years of teaching experience.



Quala Champagne,

deputy superintendent at the Ethan Allen School for Boys in Wales, WI, was appointed the first Black female warden in the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. She will head the Racine Correctional Institution in Sturtevant, WI, a medium-security men's prison. Champagne, a former program review coordinator at the prison, holds a bachelor's in psychology and a master's in education.



Gerald Peart

▲ **MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE LEGACY AWARD HONOREES:** Celebrating the recent Medgar Evers College Third Annual Legacy Awards Gala & Dinner at the Brooklyn Marriott Hotel are (l-r) Fred L. Price, Medgar Evers College assistant dean of development and public affairs; Joseph Simmons, minister and pioneer rapper, awardee for outstanding entrepreneurship and pioneering the hip-hop generation; Myrlie Evers-Williams, former NAACP chairwoman and widow of Medgar Evers; David N. Dinkins, former mayor of New York City; banking executive Donna M. Wilson, awardee for outstanding corporate leadership and dedication to community service; Atty. Willie E. Gary, awardee for outstanding entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to education; business and music mogul Russell Simmons, awardee for outstanding entrepreneurship and pioneering the hip-hop generation; Dr. Edison O. Jackson, Medgar Evers College president; and Angela McGlowan, Fox political news analyst, who served as mistress of ceremonies. The Legacy Awards gala, an annual black-tie event, serves as the college's principal fund-raiser for its scholarship endowment fund that guarantees future students a chance for a higher education. As outspoken advocates for youth empowerment through higher education, the award winners espouse the values and traditions of the slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers, the Brooklyn college's namesake, and serve as role models for the entire nation. The evening's entertainment featured performances by Tony Award-winner Melba Moore, rapper Talib Kweli, and Medgar Evers College's Imani Singers and Dancers.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Potluck Popularity

Here is a great recipe for potluck.

It is easy to make and will be quite popular with your guests.



POLENTA WITH SAUSAGE AND MUSHROOMS

2/3 cup chopped pecans
1 16-ounce package regular flavor
pork sausage
4 tablespoons chopped onion
1 1/2 cups sliced fresh shiitake
mushrooms, stems discarded
3/4 cup chicken broth

2 12-ounce packages polenta,
each sliced into 12 rounds
2 tablespoons melted butter or
olive oil
3/4 cup crumbled goat cheese
2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Toast pecans in large skillet over medium heat until fragrant; remove nuts and set aside. In the same skillet, combine sausage, onions, mushrooms and sage over medium-high heat until sausage is cooked thoroughly. Add broth; cover and cook 1 minute. Uncover, raise the heat; boil until the liquid is reduced by half. Remove from heat and keep warm. On a non-stick baking sheet, brush polenta slices with butter or oil. Bake 15 minutes, then broil 4 inches from heat until golden. To serve, arrange polenta on plate, top with sausage mixture and sprinkle with goat cheese and nuts.



Yields 24 appetizers

Jimmy Dean's Recipe for Thanksgiving with the In-laws (and Savory Sausage Stuffing)

TO BEGIN, you will need one set of headphones, one "Sounds of the Rainforest" cassette, two aspirin and an escape route. Preheat oven to 325° F. In large saucepan, cook **2 packages Regular Flavor Jimmy Dean Pork Sausage** until no longer pink. Add **8 oz. sliced mushrooms, 1½ cups diced onion, 1½ cups diced celery, ¾ cup grated carrots and 3 cloves of minced garlic**. Cook 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Transfer to a large bowl. Add following ingredients and mix well: **1 10 oz. package frozen spinach, thawed and drained, 2 tsp. dried rosemary, 2 tsp. poultry seasoning, 1 tsp. black pepper, 15 oz. herbed dry bread cubes, 2 cups chicken broth and 1 lightly beaten egg**. Pour into a buttered 4-quart casserole. Bake covered for 60 minutes. At this point, your mother-in-law will have inevitably interrupted several times with cooking advice. To keep your cool, use this time for relaxation and deep breathing exercises. Remove stuffing from oven and serve. Now go be thankful for your loved ones.





▲ Herman Russell, founder, chairman and retiring CEO of H.J. Russell & Company, is shown with his three children. He has named his son, Michael Russell (far, r), CEO of the company, which is the largest minority-owned real estate development company in the nation. His son H. Jerome Russell will continue to serve as president of the company and daughter Donata Russell Major will remain president of the Herman J. Russell Foundation. Herman Russell will continue to serve as chairman of the board.

Herman Russell Retires As CEO Of H.J. Russell & Co.; Appoints Son Michael

H.J. Russell & Company, the largest minority-owned real estate development firm in the nation, recently announced that Michael Russell has been appointed chief executive officer, succeeding his father,

Herman Russell, who is retiring.

The elder Russell, who founded the company in 1952 and led it for 50 years, will continue to serve as chairman of the board.

Herman Russell's other son, H.

Jerome Russell, will remain president, and daughter Donata Russell Major, who was formerly president of the family company, Concessions International, one of the leading food service management firms, will continue in her position as president of the Herman J. Russell Foundation.

Michael Russell, formerly the executive vice president of H.J. Russell & Company, is a 16-year veteran of the construction and real estate development industry and is now charged with leading H.J. Russell & Company to greater heights as it embarks on its next 50 years. Under his direction, the company will focus on improving the efficiency of its processes and systems and will fully integrate its offerings to provide clients seamless end-to-end services. In addition, H.J. Russell will begin aggressively pursuing untapped opportunities in areas such as urban revitalization and will geographically expand in select urban cities.

Herman Russell recalled: "When I started planning this transition a little over a year ago, I sat down with my three children and asked them about their passions. For Donata, it was giving back to the community, so she became president of the Russell Foundation. For Jerome, it was revitalizing urban areas through real estate development, so we refocused his responsibilities to give him more time for urban revitalization and development. For Michael, it was taking the Russell companies to the next level, and now he will have the

opportunity to pursue that dream."

Known as an innovative thinker and manager who empowers employees to bring fresh perspectives to their jobs, Michael Russell's talents are well-aligned with the company's new structure, which encourages entrepreneurial efforts. Michael will also serve as chief executive officer of Concessions International, another Russell company known for its innovation in the airport food and beverage concessions industry.

Michael Russell said, "No one can fill our father's shoes. But our new structure provides the Russell companies the opportunity to achieve the highest level of success. We are now in roles that best utilize our talents and strengths, while being in enviable positions to pursue our passions. This is the Russell formula for success in the future."

For more than 50 years, H.J. Russell & Company has been a leader in construction and real estate development. Headquartered in Atlanta, the company provides a full range of services, including general contracting, construction management, design/build, development, real estate brokerage, program management and property management.

Founder and Chairman Herman Russell told the Atlanta Journal Constitution: "I'm moving out of the building that I've been in for over 45 years. I will be there whenever they want to call on me for any input. That's not only a chairman's role but a father's role as well."

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SOCIETY WORLD



▲ **Love Is:** Jeffrey Mychal Wilson married Ateya Maisha Harbin at Detroit Unity Temple in Detroit. A graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, the bride is an event planner for the Georgia Medical Care Foundation. A graduate of Kennesaw State University, the groom is a credit administrator for GMAC. They honeymooned on a cruise to Cozumel, Ocho Rios, and the Grand Cayman Islands. They will reside in Atlanta.

▲ **Resplendent:** Grover Damon Hall, Jr. pledged his eternal love to the former Freida Faye Latimer at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Tulsa, OK. The bride is a graduate of the University of Tulsa. She is an IT consultant with Price Waterhouse Coopers, LLP. The groom is a graduate of Southern University A&M College. He is a senior human resource manager for AVAYA, Inc. They will live in Little Elm, TX.

► **Made For Me:** Abdulsaleem Hasan and Passion Lentia Moss wed at the Chanticleer in Short Hills, NJ. The bride, a graduate of Delaware State University with a master's from St. Peter's College, is an educator in the East Orange School District. The groom, who works in law enforcement, is a graduate of Rowan University and has a master's degree from Seton Hall University. He is currently working on a degree as an educational specialist at Seton Hall. They honeymooned in Riviera Maya, Mexico.





SOCIETY WORLD

▲ **One And Only Love:** Timothy D. Willis united in love with Shaneka K. Dyson at Trinity All Nations Church in Chicago. The bride is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago and is a CPA. She works for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois as an auditor. The bridegroom is a transit operator for the Chicago Transit Authority. The newlyweds celebrated their union with a honeymoon in Orlando, FL. They live in the Windy City.



▲ **Look Of Love:** Adrienne Davis and Terence Lott tied the knot at Rock Island Missionary Baptist Church in Port Arthur, TX. The bride, a graduate of Xavier University and UCLA's Graduate School of Theater, Film and Television, is a high school teacher. The groom, who attended Prairie View A&M University and the Computer Learning Center of Houston, is an elementary school campus supervisor for the Communities in Schools program.



◀ **Double Commemoration:** Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Topps of Chicago celebrated 50 years of love and marital bliss by renewing their vows in Chicago and again with their children and grandchildren in Cancun, Mexico. Mrs. Ella L. Topps retired from the Xerox Corporation. Her mate of five glorious decades retired from Pepper Construction. They are the parents of eight children and the grandparents of three.

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Atlanta Airport To Be Renamed In Honor Of First Black Mayor Maynard Jackson



Maynard Jackson

(JET, July 7).

Atlanta's airport will be renamed to honor Maynard Jackson, the city's first Black mayor.

The effort to add Jackson's name to the airport began almost immediately after his death in June. He was 65

The city council voted 12-2 to rename the sprawling complex formerly called Hartsfield International Airport—which honored the late ex-Mayor William B. Hartsfield.

The new name is Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. "This proves that Atlanta is living by the philosophy of inclusion," Jackson's widow, Valerie Jackson, said.

Family members of both men were in the audience, and shook hands after the vote. Jackson's family originally wanted the name changed entirely, while Hartsfield's family opposed the hyphenation. "If it does bring the city of Atlanta together, then so be it," said Dale Hartsfield, a distant cousin.

City leaders hailed the hyphenated title as a compromise—a way to remember Jackson while still honoring Hartsfield, who directed the building of Atlanta's airport in the 1920s.

Many Blacks felt the name should be changed outright because Jackson



▲ Valerie Jackson, widow of Maynard Jackson, watches the Atlanta city council as they voted to rename Atlanta's airport to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, in honor of Maynard Jackson, the city's first Black mayor. The city council voted 12-2 for the change after months of emotional debate about how to honor Jackson, who died in June at age 65.

oversaw a major airport expansion in the 1970s that helped make it one of the world's busiest. The three-term mayor was also credited with pioneering the use of affirmative action in government contracts, which started with the airport expansion.

Airport officials have said they don't know how much the name change will cost. The council also decided both mayors should have statues there.

► HISTORIC COURT APPOINTMENT:

New Wisconsin Court of Appeals Judge Paul B. Higginbotham takes the oath from Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson at the state Capitol in Madison, WI. Higginbotham, who has been on the bench since 1994, became the first African-American to serve on one of Wisconsin's appellate courts. Judge Higginbotham, who received his law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and practiced in Milwaukee, said he decided on a law career because his cousin, the late U.S. Circuit Judge Leon Higginbotham, a noted civil rights champion, inspired him. Judge Paul Higginbotham was appointed by Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle to replace Justice Pat Roggensack, who was elected to that state's supreme court earlier this year.



Former Georgia Senator Released From Prison Early



R. Abernathy III

Former Georgia state Sen. Ralph David Abernathy III has been paroled from prison, three months short of completing his four-year sentence on fraud charges.

Abernathy, who was convicted in 2000 and later sent back to prison for violating his parole, had been serving time most recently at Augusta State Medical Prison.

He will be on parole until January, when he will begin six years of probation, according to Heather

Hedrick, a spokeswoman for the state Board of Pardons and Paroles. In addition to regular contact with his parole officer, he must meet several other conditions for parole, including finding work, undergoing regular drug testing and making restitution for his crimes, she said.

Abernathy was sentenced in January 2000 on charges of theft by taking, forgery, influencing a witness and violation of oath of a public officer.

The former Democratic state senator from Atlanta was convicted of a scheme in which he bilked the state out of \$5,700 by filing false expense

reports and was sentenced to four years in prison and six years on probation. He was initially paroled in May 2001 after he served 14 months.

But Abernathy was arrested for violating his parole in September 2002 after the Georgia Bureau of Investigation determined that he had swindled people by charging them a total of \$35,000 to try to secure their

relatives' parole from prison (JET, Dec. 16, 2002).

Abernathy's father, the late Rev. Ralph David Abernathy Jr., succeeded the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Abernathy served three terms in the state Senate until 1998, when he was barred from seeking re-election.



◀ **A MILITARY FIRST IN SOUTH CAROLINA:** Gail M. Williams of Lugoff, SC, recently became the first Black female in the South Carolina Army National Guard (SCARNG) promoted to the rank of Command Sergeant Major, the highest military rank that an enlisted soldier can attain. Her promotion ceremony took place at the office of the Adjutant General of South Carolina Maj. Gen. Stanhope S. Spears in Columbia, SC, where her exemplary military record since she joined SCARNG in 1976 was highlighted. It included becoming the first female in SCARNG promoted to the rank of First Sergeant. Her new assignment will be with the 218th Regiment based in Columbia. It is a SCARNG regional military school that teaches non-commissioned officer career development courses. In her civilian career, Williams is the floor supervisor for the radiology department at Moncrief Army Hospital at Fort Jackson in Columbia.

Michelle Williams Of Destiny's Child Replaces Toni Braxton In 'Aida' On Broadway

Broadway is getting a new kid on the block. Michelle Williams of the Grammy Award-winning trio Destiny's Child will replace Toni Braxton in the long-running Disney musical *Aida*.

After a four-month run, Braxton will leave the show



Michelle Williams

on Nov. 16. Williams will begin her stint two days after Braxton's departure. She will appear in the show for 10 weeks, ending her engagement on Jan. 25.

"Aida is a woman of such strength," said Williams. "I love this character and can't

wait to truly find her within myself.”

Elton John and Tim Rice’s musical *Aida* is the story of a Nubian slave princess, Aida, and the forbidden love that she shares with an Egyptian captain, Radames.

The production first opened at the Palace Theater in early 2000 with Heather Headley in the lead role. That same year Headley won a Tony Award for her performance (JET, June 19, 2000).

Williams was thrust into the spot-

light in 2000 after she was chosen as a member of the singing group Destiny’s Child. Williams joined the group as it trampled through a year of losing two original members and a replacement member within a matter of months (JET, May 14, 2001).

Destiny’s Child’s members, who include Beyoncé Knowles and Kelly Rowland, recorded solo projects a short while later. Williams returned to her roots in gospel music to record the CD *Heart to Yours* in 2001.

Babyface And Tracey Edmonds Put Their L.A. Home On Market For \$29 Million

Legendary music producer/singer Kenneth “Babyface” Edmonds and his wife Tracey recently put their home in the exclusive Holmby Hills section of Los Angeles on the market for \$29 million.

The Hot Property section of the L.A. Times reported that the home the Edmondses have lived in for the last four years sits on 2½ acres and has six bedrooms and 10 bathrooms in 20,000 square feet.

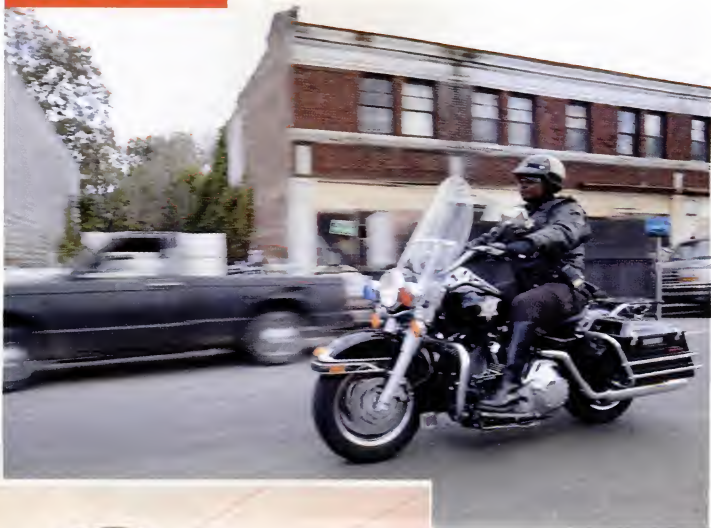
The home was built in 1990 and refurbished in 2000 by the couple who have two young children. Other features of the home include two guest homes, a tennis court, a cabana, a library, a sound studio, a theater, a projection room, a wine cellar, a beauty salon and a 600-foot-long driveway.

Edmonds, 45, has produced for Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston



▲ *On the market for \$29 million, the home that Babyface and Tracey Edmonds have lived in for the past four years boasts 20,000 square feet, 10 bathrooms and six bedrooms.*

and Madonna. Tracey Edmonds produced the Showtime series “Soul Food” and runs Edmonds Entertainment which has music and film divisions.



■ **MOTORCYCLE MAMA:** Deputy Darcel Rogan of Detroit proudly patrols the streets of Highland Park, MI, on her Harley-Davidson as the first Black motorcycle officer in the history of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. An eight-year department veteran and mother of two, Rogan, 32, recently graduated from motorcycle training school, becoming the only woman among Wayne County's 27 motorcycle officers

and only the second female officer in the elite motorcycle unit's history. Sporting a bandanna and bling-bling shades, Rogan looks like she was born to ride her hog. But the former construction worker admitted that she never straddled a bike prior to motorcycle school. "I probably dropped the bike 50 times a day," Rogan told the Detroit Free Press. Yet her desire to bring diversity to the all-male motorcycle squad propelled her to finish the rigorous 80-hour program. As a motorcycle deputy, Rogan patrols the community on her bike and will ride in parades, motorcades and funeral processions.



■ **'SOFT & BEAUTIFUL' BEAUTIES VISIT JPC:** The winners of the 2003 "Miss Soft & Beautiful International Contest" arrive at Johnson Publishing Co. (JPC), home of JET and EBONY Magazines and Fashion Fair Cosmetics, for a tour of the Chicago headquarters and a reception/luncheon with company executives in the lakefront private dining room. The winners are (l-r) Miss Barbados, Miss Haiti, Miss France, Miss Canada, Miss United Kingdom, Miss Jamaica, Miss Israel, Miss South Africa, Miss Netherlands, Miss Bahamas and Miss Trinidad. Johnson Publishing Co. President and CEO Linda Johnson Rice (below) welcomes Pro-Line International President Eric Brown and Pro-Line Executive Vice President Renee Cottrell-Brown (r) to the "Miss Soft & Beautiful" luncheon. The "Soft & Beautiful" hair care line is a product of Pro-Line International.





Wiley A. Branton Sr.



Joseph Torres/Pine Bluff Commercial

▲ Pulaski County Circuit Judge Wiley A. Branton Jr. (front, c), son of the late Wiley A. Branton Sr. (inset), removes the cover from a sign designating the Interstate 530 Pine Bluff Bypass as the Wiley A. Branton Sr. Highway in Pine Bluff, AR, while former U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Rodney E. Slater and other supporters look on.

Arkansas Highway Named In Honor Of Late Civil Rights Lawyer Wiley A. Branton Sr.

Arkansas state officials recently recognized the late Pine Bluff native Wiley A. Branton Sr., who served as the chief counsel for the Little Rock Nine during the 1957 school desegregation case, for his accomplishments and contributions, by naming a section of Pine Bluff Highway in his honor.

An 11-mile stretch of Interstate 530 from White Hall on Pine Bluff's northwest side to U.S. 65 on the city's southeast side now bears the name Wiley A. Branton Sr. Highway.

The renaming of the highway, which was campaigned for by the

Interested Citizens for Voter Registration (ICVR), took 10 years to accomplish. The occasion marks the first time that a section of Arkansas highway has been named in honor of a Black person.

"[Wiley Branton] was a native of Pine Bluff who had done outstanding work contributing to the community," the Rev. Jesse C. Turner, executive director of ICVR, told JET. "His efforts are recognized around the nation, and we wanted that same recognition here in Pine Bluff as well."

Former U.S. Department of Trans-

portation Secretary Rodney E. Slater was the featured speaker during a nearly two-hour ceremony that honored Branton at the Pine Bluff Convention Center.

As reported by KATV Channel 7, Slater said, "One thing I tried to talk about is that it's a road in and out. It's a way to see the world or come home to Pine Bluff or to get to a job. Transportation is about connecting people, and Branton was about that, connecting us to a higher calling."

Among his many accomplishments, Branton served as dean of the law school at Howard University and he was special assistant to the United States Attorney General and executive secretary of President Lyndon B. Johnson's Council on Equal Opportunity. Branton will also be remembered for heading up the voter education project, which led to the registration of more than 600,000 Blacks in the South.

Branton died of a heart attack in 1988 at the age of 65.

▼ **CHA-CHING!!!**: James Featherston Jr., 26 (l), stands with his mother, Martha, 62, and father James Featherston, 69, as they speak to reporters during a press conference at the Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, VA. The Featherstons of Lynchburg, VA, recently won \$17.6 million in the Lotto South Jackpot with the lottery numbers 03-09-26-29-40-41, reports the Richmond Times Dispatch. Instead of taking the full amount over 30 years, the couple opted for a pre-tax, lump-sum payout of \$9.55 million. Mr. Featherston, a self-employed phone jack installer, and his wife, a retiree from Ericsson, said they will give some of their prize to their church and use the rest to travel together. In its first 15 years of operation, the Virginia Lottery has taken \$13 billion out of the pockets of players but has returned more than half of it as prize money. The state also has taken a \$4.5 billion cut.



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■ **KICKIN' IT:** Janet Jackson and music producer Jermaine Dupri join the party people at Pearl in West Hollywood to wish singer Usher a happy 25th birthday. The two were among an all-star guest list who included Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith, Eddie Murphy and his wife Nicole, Brandy, Jamie Foxx, Regina King and Guy and Joe Torry.

■ **SUPERFLY BIRTHDAY:** Singer Usher struts into Pearl in West Hollywood with Chilli of TLC for his 25th birthday bash. Retro was the party theme as the b-day boy dressed mack-daddy style, while the foxy lady on his arm rocked an afro, minidress and metallic platform boots.

beauty of the week

**CATALINA
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is from Roselle
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speaks four lan-
guages and
enjoys fashion
design and
singing.

*Photo by
Kevin Nash*





■ **Oooo...IMPRESSIVE!** Singer Donna Summer is greeted by body builder Gunter Schierka on the studio lot of KTLA-TV "Morning Show" in Hollywood. The Grammy-award-winner was on the show to promote her new book *Ordinary Girl: The Journey*, a memoir about her reign as the Queen of Disco.

Bill Jones



AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth

■ **ROYAL TREATMENT:** Queen Elizabeth II of Britain greets former South African President Nelson Mandela at Buckingham Palace in London during a reception celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Rhodes Trust. Mandela has teamed up with the academic scholarship organization to create the Mandela Rhodes Foundation, which supports education in South Africa.



Rangers right wing Anson Carter was recently presented the key to the city of Toronto for his ice heroics.

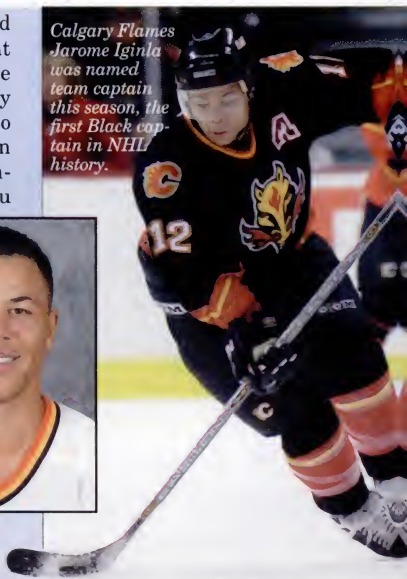
Black Hockey Players Look To

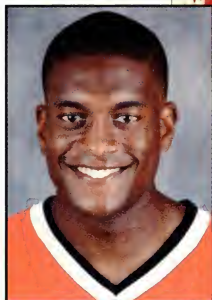
Imagine: You chase a 2½ inch solid chunk of rubber that blurs by at high velocity. You do not have the option of using your hands to easily place the object where you want to score—you have to use a stick. On top of this, you are forced to be immensely coordinated because you are skating on ice—very quickly!

This is their sport. The sport where checking is as much a part of the game as scoring goals. The Black players of the National Hockey League (NHL) are passionate about this sport, and have begun this season in high-flying roles and



Calgary Flames Jarome Iginla was named team captain this season, the first Black captain in NHL history.





Hurricanes' Kevin Weekes earned the team's starting goaltender position this season after he posted career bests last year.



MORE Blacks For Fan Support

want to generate more interest and support from Black fans.

Some of the NHL's best players are Black. Calgary Flames' Jarome Iginla began this season as the first-ever Black captain of an NHL team. On November 3, Grant Fuhr will be the first Black player inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. Willie O'Ree helped pave the way for these stars—on Jan. 15, 1958, O'Ree made history as the NHL's first Black player in the league. Now, O'Ree, the director of Youth Development for NHL Diversity, beams with pride when he hears of the success of these players. The pioneer wants to continue diversifying the league and its fans. The NHL currently has 14 Black players on NHL team rosters, which ranks last in terms of minori-

ty players among the four major pro sports.

One of the league's brightest stars, Anson Carter, a right wing for the New York Rangers, made a cameo on the sitcom "Whoopi" to boost fan interest. Academy Award-winning actress Whoopi Goldberg has been a longtime, die-hard hockey fan, who is a fixture at the Stanley Cup Finals every year.

"The game itself hasn't changed (that much)," said Carter. "I think what has changed most is we're seeing more minority players playing prominent roles on their respective teams. That by itself will help generate more interest among people who aren't 'traditional' fans or even players."

Carter, a Michigan State alumnus, is playing his eighth NHL season. The

Toronto native scored 26 goals, 60 points and 10 power play goals last season, where he played as an Edmonton Oiler before he was traded to the Rangers in March. In July, Carter received the key to the city of Toronto after his overtime goal won the gold medal for Canada at the world hockey championship.

The fan-friendly, All-Star Iginla captured the league scoring title with 52 goals and 96 points after the 2001-02 season (JET, May 6, 2002). This

leading Calgary to the playoffs.

Having been in the NHL for seven seasons, Carolina Hurricanes goaltender Kevin Weekes still welcomes the challenges of his position. Last year he recorded a career-high five shut-outs that won him a starting position this season, which he began with a record of 14-24-9.

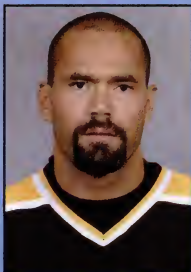
Weekes, a Toronto native whose parents hail from Barbados, is one of the players who is an ambassador for NHL Diversity, the league's non-prof-



Fred Brathwaite



*Jean-Luc
Grand-Pierre*



Sandy McCarthy



Donald Brashear

breakthrough season also won him the league's most outstanding player award. The Edmonton native is a dedicated team leader and scorer, leading the Flames in goals for the past three-straight seasons.

At the 2002 Winter Games, Iginla seized the spotlight by recording two goals and an assist in Canada's 5-2 victory to win the gold medal for the first time in 50 years. In his eighth season, Iginla, whose father is from Nigeria, is focusing on team success and

it arm that brings hockey to economically disadvantaged communities. The 6-foot, 195-pounder is relatively large, but still has cat-like skills. He is one of the quickest goalies between the pipes and in the crease.

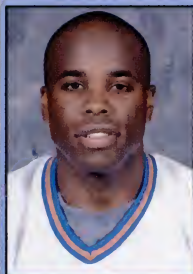
Columbus Blue Jackets Fred Brathwaite, the only other Black goalie in the NHL, is playing his ninth season. His amazing energy and ability to outthink an offender has kept him on the league's radar of feared goalies.

In his sixth NHL season, Jean-Luc Grand-Pierre, Brathwaite's teammate, is a right wing on the checking line for the team. The Montreal native was limited to 41 games last year because of injuries, but started fresh this season and looks to play an important role for the Blue Jackets.

Washington Capitals right wing Mike Grier was one of only five players to play every game of last season with the team, recording 15 goals and 17 assists. The Detroit native,

Philadelphia Flyers. Brashear maintains a tough work ethic and last season, his 10th in the NHL, his teammates awarded him the Pelle Lindbergh Memorial Trophy as the most improved player. During the 2001-02 season, he set a career high of 32 points in a season.

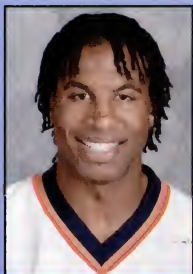
Sandy McCarthy is playing his first season with the Boston Bruins. Prior to this, he spent the last three with the New York Rangers where he was the only member who played



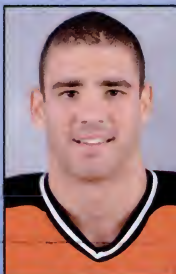
Mike Grier



Peter Worrell



Georges Laraque



Sean Brown

who helped Boston University to the NCAA Championship in 1994-95, is playing in his eighth season.

Peter Worrell, Colorado Avalanche right wing, is one of hockey's chief enforcers. At 6-foot-7 and 250 pounds, the giant enjoys giving his team momentum boosts by scrapping with defenders. The seven-year veteran posted two goals and three assists last season with the Florida Panthers.

The Indiana-born Donald Brashear is a left wing for the Philadel-

phia Flyers. Enduring cuts and bruises as a right wing, the 31-year-old McCarthy continues to stay tough in his 11th NHL season.

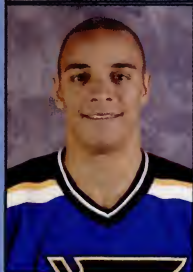
In his seventh season, Georges Laraque is one of the Edmonton Oilers' most visible players. He won the Oilers Community Service Award for the second consecutive season in 2003 and was voted the Oilers' Most Popular Player by Edmonton hockey fans in 2000.

New Jersey Devils Sean Brown is

in his first season with the team and his eighth in the NHL. His defensive coverage is fierce; punishing opponents along the boards, letting them know the Oshawa,



Jason Doig



Bryce Salvador



Jamal Mayers

Ontario, native is tough on the ice—mentally and physically.

Other Black defensemen are Jason Doig of the Washington Capitals and Bryce Salvador of the St. Louis Blues. Doig is playing his seventh NHL season, and last year scored a career-high three goals and five assists. Four-year veteran Salvador tied his career high last year of eight assists and played in his

200th career NHL game.

St. Louis Blues forward Jamal Mayers is looking to bounce back in his seventh NHL season after he suffered a season-ending knee injury last year, tearing his ACL, MCL and cartilage in his right knee. The right wing played his 200th NHL game and set a career best point total (21) during the 2000-01 season, including two playoff game-winning goals.

► CASE PASSES TO GRAND JURY:

Tennessee Titans quarterback Steve McNair listens during his preliminary hearing in Nashville, TN. McNair was arrested in May for drunken driving and weapon charges and the judge presiding over the hearing ruled that enough evidence existed to send the case to a grand jury. According to police, when McNair was pulled over while driving his SUV on May 22, his eyes were bloodshot, his breath smelled of alcohol and he acknowledged drinking. The weapon charge involves a 9 mm handgun found in the SUV. McNair, a nine-year veteran, has a permit for the handgun, but in Tennessee an intoxicated person may not legally carry a loaded weapon.





▲ Florida Marlins Dontrelle Willis (r), Lenny Harris (c) and other members of the Marlins celebrate with the World series trophy after they beat the New York Yankees.

Florida Marlins Defeat New York Yankees To Win World Series

The Florida Marlins swam against a torrent of critics, naysayers and opponents to win the World Series.

The Marlins, who won the National League crown as a wild card team and came from behind in every stage of the post-season, followed the same formula in the World Series and won three games in a row after falling behind 2-1 to the New York Yankees.

Josh Beckett, a 23-year-old pitcher on three days' rest, hurled a complete-game, five-hit shutout, striking out nine and walking two in Game 6. He was named MVP of the series.

"Nobody gave us a chance, and here they are, the world champs," 72-year-old manager Jack McKeon said of the team's 2-0 win over the Yankees. "Tremendous story."

This Marlin team has been full of surprises ever since it started the season 19-29. The team won a tight wild card race, then rallied past San Francisco and stunned the Chicago Cubs in the playoffs. And lastly, the Marlins upset the Yankees, along with all of New York.

"We shocked the world!" center fielder Juan Pierre shouted while popping a bottle of champagne in the clubhouse.

The young, thrifty Marlins made the Yankees look old and overpaid. By the final game they had Andy Pettitte shouting angrily into his

glove and Jeter muttering to himself. And when Beckett tagged Jorge Posada for the final out, the Marlins became the first visiting team to celebrate a World Series title at Yankee Stadium since the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981.

"In my heart of hearts, I kept hearing that this was the little team

that could," owner Jeffrey Loria said.

The Marlins overcame deficits in seven of the team's 11 postseason victories. The team was on the verge of elimination when it won three consecutive games to beat the Cubs in the NL championship series, and the Marlins also won its final three games against New York.

► **UNBEATABLE:** Golfer Jim Thorpe holds up his trophy on the 18th green at the Sonoma Golf Club after he won the Charles Schwab Cup Championship in Sonoma, CA, against Jim Watson. With a final-round 68, Thorpe finished 20 under to earn his seventh career title and \$440,000, the biggest payday of his career, in the Champion's Tour's season-ending event. "The thing that means something to me is just coming out here and playing with the best golfers in the world," Thorpe said. "This week, I probably pushed myself to the absolute limit. I don't think I can play any harder."



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EBONY Fashion Fair's 'Color Splash' Visits Washington, D.C.

No fashion wish was left unfulfilled. That's because the EBONY Fashion Fair aims to please. And it came through in grand style for another year when *Color Splash* visited the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Concert Hall in Washington, D.C.

The technique of splashing was the inspiration behind an array of prints and patterns exemplified by some of the world's biggest designers.

Designs of silk chiffon were drenched with a multitude of colors to create a brilliant abstract motif and finely detailed floral prints.

Unusual prints and patterns in

◀ Commentator Jada Collins models a creation by Bob Mackie, California.

▶ Katrina Lyles gets rave reviews in this paisley cape trimmed in fur worn over tweed trousers, designed by Mario Borsato, Milan.





▲ Nikishia Bolden wears a fur coat over sheer plaid dress from Bill Blass, New York.

► Robin Harris sashays the runway in this silk dress with matching stole by Black designer Stephen Burrows World, New York.



▲ Arynetta Northcutt is elegant in this mink and fox jacket designed by Lorenzo Riva, Milan. The jacket is worn over a wool dress that is belted low on the hips.



▲ This colorful print dress from Anna Sui, New York, is a crowd pleaser on Jaman Manns.



◀ Victoria Bowers models a three-piece ensemble embroidered with rhinestones, designed by Hanae Mori, Paris. The hat is by Kokin, New York.

suits and sweater sets, for career or leisure, were brought alive by a colorful mix of stripes, checks and plaids.

Flowers were also popular during the show. Floral prints made for some of the show's splashiest creations.

Female patrons and male patrons enjoyed the fashion extravaganza. The Washington, D.C., chapter of the Continental Societies sponsored the memorable event, which benefited Operation Awareness: HEER Five-Point Program.

► Lisa Haynes models a shirred print gown from Jovani, New York.





▲ Deonna Pinkerton shows off an animal-print coat that reverses to fur with matching blouse and low-waist pants designed by Rocco Barocco.



▲ Tinika Hampton is dramatic in this gown with wide-cuffed sleeves accessorized with matching scarf by Sarli Couture, Rome.



▲ Corene Stewart wears a strapless leather jumpsuit with sheer embroidered legs designed by Lorenzo Riva, Milan.



◀ Norman Scales (far left) upsets the ladies in this suave leather shirt and pants by International Male, California.



◀ Ronnel Blackmon shows the power of plaid for men in this outfit by Bucci For Men, Chicago. The hat is by Sid's Hats, Chicago.



▶ James Thompson, American Airlines winner of trip-for-two to any destination in the 48 contiguous states served by American, is congratulated by (l-r) Gloria Johnson, co-chair, Barbara Morgan, president, Ethel Reid Lee, top ticket-seller, Norma Stewart, general chair, and Dorothy Bondurant, co-chair.

▶ Bondurant and Johnson extend best wishes to Cheri Gantt and Kristin Wallace, 2003 space camp recipients, along with (l-r) Norma Hutchinson, Lincoln-Mercury eligible participant for end-of-tour drawing, Romaine Nelson, reception co-chair, Morgan, Stewart and Edna Long-Green.



▶ Color Splash executive committee for the Washington, D.C., Chapter of Continental Societies, Inc. express appreciation for enthusiastic patrons attending first evening show for EBONY Fashion Fair at Kennedy Center.



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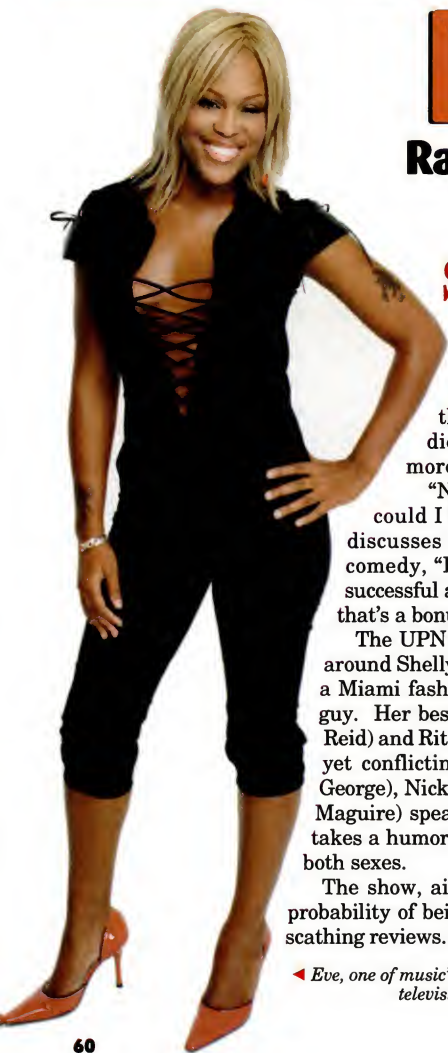


OUTKAST ■

1. CHICKEN *N* BEER*Ludacris (Disturbing Tha Peace)***2. SPEAKERBOXX/THE LOVE BELOW***Outkast (Arista)***3. TOO HOT FOR T.V.***Bad Boy's Da Band (Bad Boy)***4. GRAND CHAMP***DMX (Ruff Ryders)***5. THE R IN R & B COLLECTION:
VOLUME ONE***R. Kelly (Jive)***6. COMIN' FROM WHERE I FROM***Anthony Hamilton (So So Def)***7. DANGEROUSLY IN LOVE***Beyonce' (Columbia)***8. ME & MY BROTHER***The Ying Yang Twins (Collipark)***9. JACKPOT***Chingy (Disturbing Tha Peace)***10. SO DAMN HAPPY***Aretha Franklin (Arista)***11. DA SKOOL BOY PRESENTS
MURPHY'S LAW***Murphy Lee (Fo Reel)***12. WORLD WIDE
UNDERGROUND (EP)***Erykah Badu (Motown)***13. 2:35 PM***Calvin Richardson (Hollywood)***14. TRAP MUZIK***T.I. (Grand Hustle)***15. CHEERS***Obie Trice (Shady)***16. THE FIGHTING TEMPTATIONS***Various Artists (Music World)***17. LOVE & LIFE***Mary J. Blige (Geffen)***18. DANCE WITH MY FATHER***Luther Vandross (J)***19. LOVE US OR HATE US***Dirty (Infinity)***20. KEMISTRY***Kem (Motown)*

ALL ABOUT

EVE:

Rap Star
Takes On TV

She won a Grammy Award, music's most coveted honor, and has earned respect as a rapper in the male-dominated world of hip hop.

Last year she co-starred in the movie *Barbershop*, one of the industry's top urban comedies. Rap star Eve now has one more territory to conquer—television.

"Never, ever in my wildest dreams could I have imagined doing this," Eve discusses to JET about starring in her own comedy, "Eve." "My basic overall goal is to be successful and happy. This is just something that's a bonus."

The UPN battle-of-the-sexes comedy centers around Shelly Williams, played by Eve. Shelly is a Miami fashion designer in search of the right guy. Her best buddies, Janie (Natalie Desselle-Reid) and Rita (Ali Landry), offer Shelly friendly, yet conflicting, advice about men. J.T. (Jason George), Nick (Brian Hooks) and Donovan (Sean Maguire) speak on behalf of the guys. The show takes a humorous spin on differing opinions from both sexes.

The show, airing on Mondays, had a marginal probability of being a flop. Television critics offered scathing reviews. USA Today headlined, "UPN's 'Eve'

◀ *Eve, one of music's biggest female rappers, makes the leap to television this season with her own sitcom, "Eve."*



Eve leads the talented cast of the UPN comedy: (l-r) Ali Landry, Brian Hooks, Sean Maquire, Jason George and Natalie Desselle-Reid.

not very tempting." The Los Angeles Times said, "Eve' may let down even the star's fans." The Chicago Tribune suggested, "A bad rap: Eve needs to stick with day job."

Within a week of its premiere, tepid ratings began to soar. The show had been ordered for a full season at JET press time. Eve serves as its co-executive producer.

"Everybody's a critic, but if you love what you do, you can't care what those people say," insists Eve. "Of course they would say bad things because they never saw me in that light. I don't really care. I was nervous at first because it's a new thing. It's the same way with putting out a new album because you never know. I feel like I'm here for a reason. If it

wasn't meant for me to be in this position, I wouldn't be here anyway. It has nothing to do with the critics or me. It was already written. My destiny was already written."

Aside from Oscar-winner Whoopi Goldberg, Eve is one of the few Black actresses to currently have a show with her name. She wasn't thrilled about using her name for the show's title at first.

"It was actually called 'The Opposite Sex,' which I loved. I fell in love with that name, but it was changed because it was more of a corporate decision. They explained to me that there were a lot of new shows coming on this season, and they just wanted people to know exactly what show I was on. They did not want fans to



▲ Shelly, played by Eve, and Janie, played by Desselle-Reid, share a light moment during an episode of the show. Eve's character is a fashion designer.

guess and flip through channels. That made sense.”

▼ Los Angeles Lakers star Derek Fisher (2nd, r) makes a special appearance on this week's show.



Eve liked the thought of portraying a fashion designer on the show. In real life she has become known as a high-status fashion symbol in hip hop, often holding court in the House of Chanel. Eve has even started her own clothing line, Fetish. That's where all similarities between Eve and Shelly stop, she says.

“Shelly is more daring. I get to wear things as Shelly that I wouldn't wear as Eve. As far as colors, she puts colors together. She shows more of her legs or more of her midsection than I think I would in certain outfits, more than I wear in real life.”

Eve's potential as an actress was first noticed by director Antoine Fuqua, the man behind the critically acclaimed drama *Training Day*. Fuqua directed Eve and a few other female rappers in 1999's Seven Deadly Venoms Sprite commercials. He saw something. He suggested that she take acting lessons.



◀ *Eve has a major following as a rapper. She won a Grammy Award last year for Best Rap/Song Collaboration for the song Let Me Blow Ya Mind, which featured No Doubt lead singer Gwen Stefani. Her music celebrity helped earn her the show.*

Last year she starred in the Vin Diesel action flick *XXX*. A short while later, that same year, she co-starred in *Barbershop*. As the only female stylist in the movie, her character, Terri, is best remembered for having problems with her cheating boyfriend—played by George, her “Eve” co-star—and having problems holding on to her bottle of apple juice. The movie was budgeted at a reported \$12 million, but raked in a whopping \$76 million.

“I believe that once they saw me in the movie and saw that I was able to act, they wanted to make something happen. UPN talked to me before I was in a movie. After they saw me in the movie, they really wanted to make it happen.”

Doing comedy has been a challenge, Eve admits. She has two acting coaches, one in New York and one in Los Angeles. Veteran actress/act-

ing coach Chip Fields, the mom of actresses Kim and Alexis Fields, is one of those coaches. “It is difficult with the timing. For me I’m still learning a lot. Chip comes on the set when she’s able. She’s good comically and has helped me out with so many things.”

Winning laughs each week is just fine with Eve, but the rap star, who grew up in Philadelphia’s projects, is wary not to compromise herself.

“Sitcoms to me are such a bubble and can be very corny. I’m keeping it real,” she laughs. “I’m coming from a different world. I’m coming from music, and whatever I do on my TV show can’t be too far from what my music fans know as Eve the rapper. It can’t jeopardize or make me look like, ‘What in the hell was she thinking when she said that or with what she is wearing?’ For me it has to be as real as possible.”

She makes sure that she has say-so with the storylines as well. “Certain things that they write might not be real and it’s because certain people grow up in different ways. If I feel like it’s not real enough, I’ll say so.”

As a rap artist, Eve can hang with the “ruffest.” Known as the first lady of DMX’s *Ruff Ryders*, her 1999 debut CD, *Eve: Ruff Ryders’ First Lady*, made her one of the few female



▲ Eve showcased her acting skills on a different level last year when she appeared in the movie *Barbershop*. The comedy starred (l-r) Sean Patrick Thomas, Michael Ealy, Ice Cube, Troy Garity, Cedric the Entertainer and Leonard Earl Howze.

rappers to come in at No. 1 on the pop charts. She was more marketable by the time her second CD, *Scorpion*, was released. She teamed up with Gwen Stefani on *Let Me Blow Ya Mind*, which earned them a Grammy last year.

She hasn't abandoned music for acting, Eve assures. "I miss my music. I miss the world. I do love the stability of acting, but it becomes monotonous after awhile. I want to go back in the studio in March when we're on hiatus and do a new album to bring out in the fall."

For now she brings some of her rap cohorts on the show. So far DMX and Missy Elliott have made special guest appearances.

In the order of rappers-turned-TV/film actors like Will Smith, Queen Latifah and LL Cool J, who've all scored big in both music and film, Eve is keeping stand-out company. Will Smith in *Ali* and Queen Latifah

in *Chicago* made movie history as the first male and female rappers to be nominated for an Academy Award.

Acting is taking up much of her time lately. She recently completed *The Woodsman*, a movie with Kevin Bacon. "It's a very dark film about a man who is a pedophile trying to get his life together and come back into the world. I kind of blow the lid off of his life at the job. I'm the secretary."

Barbershop fans can look for her to reprise the role as Terri in its sequel. Eve says the film's cast will be cutting up for another round. Are you wondering if the fellas fess up with who drank Terri's apple juice? Do they at least leave it alone?

"They don't even," she laughs. "We bring it up, but we don't know who does it. It's really funny how they bring it back up though. They still bother it, but not as much. It's there for a second and then it's gone."

—MARGENA A. CHRISTIAN



BEYONCÉ ■



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1. BABY BOY

Beyoncé Featuring Sean Paul (Columbia)

2. STAND UP

Ludacris Featuring Shawna (Disturbing Tha Peace)

3. DAMN!

YoungBloodz Featuring Lil' Jon (So So Def)

4. STEP IN THE NAME OF LOVE

R. Kelly (Jive)

5. RAIN ON ME

Ashanti (Murder Inc.)

6. WALKED OUTTA HEAVEN

Jagged Edge (Columbia)

7. PASS THAT DUTCH

Missy Elliott (The Gold Mind)

8. CLUBBIN'

Marques Houston Featuring Joe Budden & Pied Piper (TUG/Elektra)

9. HOLIDAE IN

Chingy Featuring Ludacris & Snoop Dogg (Disturbing Tha Peace)

10. OOH!

Mary J. Blige (Geffen)

11. THOIA THOING

R. Kelly (Jive)

12. GET LOW

Lil' Jon & The East Side Boyz Featuring Ying Yang Twins (BME/TVT)

13. COME OVER

Aaliyah (Blackground)

14. FRONTIN'

Pharrell Featuring Jay-Z (Star Trak)

15. THE WAY YOU MOVE

Outkast Featuring Sleepy Brown (Arista)

16. WAT DA HOOK GON BE

Murphy Lee Featuring Jermaine Dupri (Fo' Reel)

17. READ YOUR MIND

Avant (Geffen)

18. COME FROM WHERE I'M FROM

Anthony Hamilton (So So Def)

19. 24'S

T.I. (Grand Hustle)

20. P.I.M.P

50 Cent (Shady)



television



'My Wife And Kids'

Damon Wayans and Tisha Campbell Martin use clever ways to parent their three children on "My Wife And Kids." Also starring are **Jennifer Nicole Freeman, George O. Gore II** and **Parker McKenna Posey** on (Wednesday, November 12 at 8 p.m., ET) on ABC. Others scheduled to appear this week include:

Mahershala Ali on "Threat Matrix," (Thursday, November 6 at 8 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Hill Harper/Tanya Wright on "The Handler," (Friday, November 7 at 10 p.m., ET) on CBS.

James Lesure/Marsha Thompson on "Las Vegas," (Saturday, November 8 at 8 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Ernie Hudson on "10-8," (Sunday, November 9 at 8 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Coby Bell/Michael Beach/Nia Long on "Third Watch," (Monday, November 10 at 10 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Whoopi Goldberg/Wren T. Brown on "Whoopi," (Tuesday, November 11 at 8 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Richard T. Jones on "Judging Amy," (Tuesday, November 11 at 10 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Jesse L. Martin/S. Epatha Merkerson on "Law & Order," (Wednesday, November 12 at 10 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Bill Duke on "Karen Sisco," (Wednesday, November 12 at 10 p.m., ET) on ABC.

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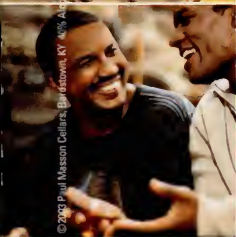
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